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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

While Washington commentators state that officialdom in the nation's capital is pessimistic over the likelihood of an agreement among the three representatives of the Allied powers now meeting in Moscow, the Russian newspapers who voice only what Stalin approves are already declaring that good results have arisen from the conference. The editors do not say just what these results are, but apparently Russia finds the deliberations of Hull, Eden and Molotov, helpful.

From this distance it looks very much as if, thus far, the conference has been concerned with military matters. The participation of several military leaders from the three nations would indicate that. We surmise that Russia is using the occasion of this meeting of foreign secretaries to impress Eden and Hull with the vital (to Russia) need of a second front. While we believe that all Americans will view this persistence with sympathy, we think the claim can now fairly be made that Great Britain and the United States, have established a second front. The front is the sky over Germany, and battle on that front is being waged at great cost to both allies, in men and materials. Moreover it is having a very great effect on the battle between the Russians and the Germans. The greater part of the Luftwaffe has been called home to defend the German cities. This makes possible the more rapid advance of Russian forces in the east, and also of the British-Americans push up the Italian boot.

There will need to be an invasion in all probability of joint American and English forces in western Europe, but when it comes, the way will have been made sasier for it, with less lives lost and with victory in the bag, so to speak. Though Russia has sustained a huge loss of its young men, a loss that by now may number five million, that cannot be laid at the Anglo-Saxon door. It is quite in human nature to cry and beg assistance from her two allies to lift this load of German might off the Russian back. It will be done but the time will not be decided by Russia, nor the place, nor the method.

Russia, distrusting the Nazis even as all her neighbors did, signed a pact with Hitler, which gave her a year to prepare. It was not time enough but it was all that Hitler would grant. Still it was enough to enable Russia to gather strength to hold the German onrush, yielding slowly and at bitter cost to the invaders. When the war is done, and accounts are toted up, it will be found that Russia paid a heavier price in lives of her citizens than either of her allies. In fact, it would not be surprising to learn that Russia paid triple the number lost of the Americans and British. But Russia knows, as does the rest of the world, that no price is too high to escape slavery "for a thousand years."

At this distance we do not believe the parley in Moscow can fail. There is infinite need in Russia now, and it will continue after the war, for the services and goods the British commonwealths and the United States can supply. What is needed today and in the days to come is a conciliatory spirit, compromise if you like, in which all three peoples swap the means of peace one with another. That Russia will bargain desperately for an enduring peace, one can be very certain. For the potential resources of Russia are so vast she needs peace for development, more so, perhaps than any other country on earth.

We in the United States must use every honorable expedient to impress on congress that this is our day to join with the British and Russian peoples in the construction of a peaceful world. We must be willing to surrender enough of national sovereignty to accomplish just that. The world has grown small, compact. Our neighbors live close beside us. In truth we must learn to be the world's Good Neighbor.

TAX DELINQUENCY AT LOW LEVEL

By CLEM WHITAKER

While federal taxes are the highest in the nation's history, and will probably go still higher, due to the tremendous demands of global war, state and county taxes in California show a very encouraging downward trend this year.

The authority for that statement is the California Taxpayers Association, which has just concluded a thorough going study of local tax rates.

Of the 58 counties, 50 reduced their general county wide tax rates during 1943, according to the findings of Paul V. Lane, assistant director of research for the Taxpayers Association. In three other counties, rates were unchanged — and only five counties showed tax rate increases.

The most important factor contributing to the reduction in county rates, reports Mr. Lane, was the assumption by the state of a larger share of the cost of aged aid. While old age pensions were increased from the formed maximum of $40 per month to the present top of $50, the state picked up a bigger share of the load—and the counties are now contributing only $5 per case instead of $10.

Other factors contributing to a downward revision of county tax rates, according to the survey, include a sharp drop in indigent aid, resulting from greatly improved economic conditions; loss of public service personnel to the armed services and war plants, and the postponement of building programs and other capital outlay items, due to priorities and the sarcity of materials.

The war has brought many other changes which relieved the strain on county treasuries. Mr. Lane reports in the October issue of Tax Digest. Unemployment is virtually non-ixistent. Tax delinquency is at a very low level, with a consequent reduction in office work and publication costs. Many county hospitals are experiencing declines in patient loads and clinic attendance together with better collections from pay patients.

Then, too—and this factor must not be under-rated—public demands for lower local taxes, as an offset to staggering increases in federal taxes have brought beneficial results.

The state tax burden has also dropped materially, due to reduction in the state income tax, state sales tax and other state taxes. And all in all, the picture is much improved, although the taxpayers association comments that "the field for cutting state and local spending is only scratched."

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the whole situation is that it proves that taxes can be reduced. California now has dollar and cents evidence that the miracle has been performed. And with that evidence in hand, tax-conscious groups are expected to put new steam behind the drive on congress for cuts in non-essential federal spending, too.

RATION POINT DATES IN NOV.

Sugar—Book Four—Stamp No. 29 valid for five pounds from November 1 to January 15.

Shoes — Book Three — Airplane stamp No. 1 valid after November 1. Stamp No. 18 in Book One continued indefinitely.

Canned, Frozen and Certain Dehydrated Foods—Book Two—X. Y. and Z valid through November 20.

Book Four—Green Stamps A. B. and C valid from November 1 through December 20.

Meat, Cheese, Canned Fish, Canned Milk, Butter, and Other Edible Fats and Oils—Book Three—Brown Stamps B became valid October 24; H becomes valid October 31; J, valid November 7; K, valid November 14. Stamps G. H. J. K. expire December 4.

Gasoline—Number 8 coupons in A book valid through November 21.

FARM WORKERS DISQUALIFIED FOR AIR FORCE

CHICO, Oct. 28.—A new directive from the Adjutant General of the U. S. Army makes it impossible for the Aviation Cadet Examining Board of Chico Army Air Field to give physical and mental examinations for the Army Air Force to men who are farm workers, the CAAF Recruiting Office has announced.

The Chico Cadet Examining Board gives physical and mental examinations to men between the ages of 18 and 26 to qualify them for aircrew training provided they have not yet received an induction date from Selective Service. Now, however, farm workers cannot be qualified by the board.

Similarly, the board examines 17 year old boys for recruiting into the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the AAF. Boys who join the ERC can continue in school six months past their 18th birthday and receive several months college training at government expense before beginning the long period of flight training. Consent of parents is required. But, even when parental consent is obtained, 17 year olds who are farm workers cannot now join the ERC.

Mrs. Esterly Named Deputy Grand Matron of District

Mrs. William Esterly, who served as worthy matron of Aurora Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Grass Valley several years ago, at the Grand Chapter session recently concluded in Long Beach, was appointed Deputy Grand Matron for the 8th District.

The district includes chapters in Truckee, Dutch Flat, Colfax, Georgetown, Auburn, Penryn, Grass Valley and Nevada City.

COUNTY'S FIRST RABBIT SHOW OPENS SUNDAY

The Nevada County Rabbit Club, which is sponsoring the first rabbit show to be held in the county, will meet tomorrow evening, October 28, in the community house of Memorial Park in Grass Valley at 8 p. m. and discuss last minute details of the show.

The show will be held Sunday in Memorial Park, in the open if the weather is fair, inside, if not. Loyle Freeman, who volunteered to manage the show, states that he expects between 150 and 200 entries. The club itself has over 30 members, all of whom will exhibit. An eastern furrier is making an exhibit of rabbit furs. Judges will be called in from outside the county and considerable cash awards are expected to attract rabbit breeders from neighboring communities.

Small Boy With Wanderlust Causes Anxious Search

Filled with wanderlust, two year old Dale Bagley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Bagley, of Walrath Avenue wandered away from his home Tuesday morning accompanied by a neighbor's dog. He was missed shortly after 9 a. m. and was found in the woods, at 1 p. m. a half mile distant from his home.

When his absence was noted, an immediate search in the neighborhood proved fruitless. The Nevada City Police and Fire Departments were then called to aid. The dog barking at gray squirrels in the trees finally attracted the attention of the searcers, and the boy was found unharmed playing in the woods. This is the second time the youngster has been AWOL.

BOONDOGGLING

By EDW. C. UREN

Two friends were watching a swollen stream as a huge flattened log carried down by the freshet bumped and swirled along on its way to the sea. Said one to the other "You know this scene reminds me so much of our destiny and the horde of boondogglers in Washington who are supposed to be guiding it. Now look at that log. There's probably half a million biz ants on it scurrying along and bumping into one another, and there isn't one of them but what believes he is steering the log."

As Fulton Lewis said the other night, capable business men informed him that three million men could be dispensed with in war work if that most wasteful and asinine system of "cost-plus" were eliminated from contracts.

Would any individual in his right mind enter into an agreement—let us say to build a home—and say to the contractor "Now, I want you to build this house for me and as your fee I'll agree to pay you twenty per cent of what it costs to build it." The contractor would naturally pay the highest prices for all labor and materials. He would encourage his labor to lay down on the job as much as possible in order to augment his fee. As a matter of fact you who sanctioned this agreement would be considered a fit occupant for some booby hatch. Yet our bureaucrats in Washington have been doing just this ever since the war started.

Recently I discussed cost plus work with a man who is engaged in ship epair work for a certain firm on the waterfront in San Francisco. This man was a former WPA worker on projects here in Nevada City and he said—speaking about his work—"WPA was hard work compared to what we do down there. Some of the fellows hardly know how to pass the time."

I asked him if the general run of the men, who are earning $70 a week and more, were putting anything aside for a rainy day. "Hell no", he said. "Most of them are around trying to borrow from one another before the end of the week, after a pay day. They go up town to the swankiest places and pay 85 cents for a sandwich and a glass of beer which they could get almost anywhere else equally as good for 35 cents. Asked the reason for the extreme lack of efficiency he said it was due to supervision. No one seems to care whether the men work or not.

Here then is the most vicious example of boondoggling. The men are not to blame, neither are the contractors. When your Uncle Sam pays a premium in dollars on shirking and waste then there is no incentive for anyone to do an honest days work.

Union racketeers on regular construction work are bad enough. Personal incentive is penalized by the boss deliberately marking off with chalk just how much work a welder may do in a day. So-called helpers are not allowed to perform any work other than to dally around and either hold or pass tools.

The U. S. Employment Office advertises for dishwashers, waiters and kitchen men $250 a month with board and lodging. Skilled electricians have been sent to Algiers and paid more than General Eisenhower, who commands the allied forces. Such has been the administration's coddling of labor for political prestige.

What do you think the American doughboy thinks of all this, who is drafted for war and its hazards at $50 a month as he works side by side in an airfield with a civilian electrician getting $500 a month? What do you think his reactions are when he learns that war production has been stopped by strikes over some petty grievance? Well, here's what he thinks. Here's an extract from a letter by a Colfax boy overseas to Scoop Thurman of the Record.

"As for these people back home who are going out on strikes and in general holding up production one way or another, I wish they could be put on a battlefront or at an operational area where every minute counts, then they would realize the reason why we, who do without because of their petty selfishness, feel toward those who are getting paid for so little in effort on their part. There certainly will be a feeling of bitterness and resentment against such people when the boys come home."

Concert Saturday For Salvation Army Benefit

The 21st annual concert for the benefit of the Salvation Army will be given next Saturday evening in the Salvation Army auditorium under the direction of Jack Gilbert. Judge George L. Jones will act as master of ceremonies.

Elementary PTA To Give Big Hallowe'en Party

The Elementary Parent Teachers Association will hold their annual Hallowe'en Carnival tomorrow evening October 29th, in the Elementary School Auditorium. There will be many concessions which will interest both adults and children, it is stated. Among other attractions will be a white elephant sale.

Hunters Kill Total of 20,202 Deer in Season

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28. — A total of 20,202 deer have been reported taken during the recent open season in 29 Sierra counties. This brings the kill 467 ahead of the total kill in these same counties last year, and tags are still being received by the State Division of Fish and Game. This year's kill is some 7,000 less, as compared with the heaviest total kill in these counties, which was in 1940. However, considering the reduction in the sale of deer tags the kill per hunter will very nearly approximate the ratio in 1940.

Grass Valley Carol Choir Meets Tonight

The Grass Valley Carol Choir will hold its first meeting, preparatory to its Christmas activities, this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Harmony Shop on Mill Street.

John Nankervis, the president, has asked that all singers who particpated in the carols of years past be present this evening. Many of the younger members are in the armed forces, and he says, the older men must rally around this year to keep the tradition alive.

Nevada City To Aid War Chest Drive

Mayor Ben Hall has asked that all who can do so, leave contributions for the War Chest at the Bank of America, Nevada City branch. "This is a worthy cause," said the mayor. Let us be generous and prove to the world that our way of life brings the fullest measure of happiness and contentment."

Mayor Hall expressed the hope that Nevada City will not only respond generously but promptly in accord with the city's best traditions.

Four Grass Valley Boys Called To Navy Schools

Of the five Grass Valley High School boys who passed the U. S. Navy V-12 tests last April four have been assigned to report for training on November 1st.

George F. Hammill and Harold Hutchinson are to report at the University of California at Los Angeles. Marion Childers will report at Redlands University, California, and Jay Stephens at Farragut, Idaho, Rodney Rush, the fifth successful student, has not yet been assigned.

The V-12 test is severe and those who pass it enter the navy as cadets n the air forces.

Miners and Yellowjackets Play in Valley Tomorrow

The Grass Valley Miners will play the Yuba City Honkers on the Yuba City gridiron tomorrow afternoon, and the Nevada City Yellowjackts will joust with the Sutter Union High School eleven on the same afternoon. These announcements were made yesterday by Coach Art Hooper of Grass Valley and Coach Bill Tamblyn of Nevada City.

These games are conditional, however, on donations of gas and cars. Gasoline will be available, Hooper states, for the Grass Valley boys, but five cars will be needed to take the grid string and their equipment to Yuba City.

YOUNGSTERS ADMIT DOG THEFT

Questioned by the police, a group of youngsters have admitted stealing three dogs from the city pound and one from the home of an army officer. The leader of group also confessed to stealing bicycles. The youngsters have been referred to the attention of the probation officer. A. W. McGagin.

GASOLINE BAN ON SCHOOL GAME TRIPS EXPLAINED

In reply to criticisms growing from mileage regulations which prohibits the use of school buses and the allotment of gasoline for private automobiles for the purpose of transporting players for amateur athletic contests but allow occupational mileage to coaches and professional players, Gilbert McNeil, district mileage representative of the Office of Price Administration, today made the following statement:

"We readily agree with the importance of amateur athletics, but in America we are faced with a transportation crisis. Automobiles and school buses are not being manufactured; we are running behind on truck and bus tire production at the rate of 10,000 per day; our western gasoline quota has just been cut 30 per cent. All in all, we simply must cut down on every use of gasoline possible.

"With regard to the mileage allowed to coaches and professionals, we are attempting to allow the man in a profession enough gasoline to continue in his job. If their mileage was cut off completely, many coaches and professionals who use their cars in their work would have to seek other employment.

"Some coaches who need their cars to travel to and from school would thus be deprived of transportation and the very valuable physical education programs in some schools would be hindered. We don't want that — but transportation of teams for contests is not essential to the war effort."

BED FOR BUDDY FUND ALLOCATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—Additional "Bed for a Buddy" funds, totaling $86,251.12 were allocated to nine communities by the Overnight Service Men's Housing Fund Committee, it was announced here today by James Mussati, chairman, following a meeting of the committee. These funds derived from a campaign conducted by the motion picture theatre industry, are to be used to provide housing facilities for service men on leave. They may be matched, dollar for dollar, by the state under an act passed by the last session of the legislature.

Allocations made to various communities by the committee today were as follows: Oakland, $11,858.75; Los Angeles $47,500; Berkeley $1,872.62; Marysville $7,164.75; Long Beach $13,450; San Mateo $3,511.20; Hanford $500; Torrance $275; and San Jacinto $118.80. Previously the committee has distributed the sum of $23,172 bringing the total to date to $109,423.12.

All allocations, Mussati stated are made by a majority vote of the committee, and all such vote is binding. Allocations are made only to cities and counties, except in rare instances where the committee is convinced that an allocation to a private organization is absolutely necessary to meet a real need. Allocations from these funds to cities and counties to which the state has refused to make an allocation, requires unanimous vote. The funds may be used by the communities to acquire necessary equipment, such as beds, mattresses and blankets, and to aid needy communities to meet the matching requirements of the state.

G. V. City Council Shares Cost of Station KAPI

The Grass Valley City Council at its meeting Tuesday night ratified an agreement with the Department of Motor Vehicles for receiving and transmitting messages through Station KAPI, at Hills Flat. The state provides this service gratis, but the city must maintain its own receiving equipment.

The council expressed its satisfaction in the youth recreation center, opened three months ago. and decided to extend its scope by permitting youth organizations to entertain visiting football teams, to give dances, or parties sponsored by the Boy or Girl Scouts.

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CALIFORNIA'S OWN

The first all-California contingent of WACS has just been commissioned, and the group now takes its place proudly beside other California units of our military forces carrying the Bear Flag.

It is not the first time that California women have served in the armed forces in wartime, but it is the first time they have done so as a state unit. In the last World War women were dispersed among many services and did not get together as state groups until after the war when the various veteran organizations were formed.

In the years to come when this war is done, the women who served with "California's own" will have a proud tale to tell. The California WACS will surely make their own mark and create their own traditions—to be remembered and glorified in future years.

Organization of the all-state units will induce many more California women to enlist at a time when the War Department reveals the Army's pressing need for women to free fighting men.

It is a bold challenge to the women of California, and we venture the prediction it will be met with the gallant spirit and courage that mark California women.

LAND GRANT RATE CRISIS

The tremendous demands of war on transportation have magnified an unjust condition to such proportions that the shadow of unfairness is now threatening western agriculture and industry. It is, of course, essential to California's welfare that transportation rates to Eastern markets are at a minimum. But under present land grant rate reductions on freight shipped by the government, civilian shippers will soon have to shoulder a big share of the fast increasing burden.

The government is permitted 50 per cent reduction in rates on all transportation of military and naval property not for civil use. But government traffic has so increased that whereas prior to 1939 the land grant deductions were approximately ten million dollars a year, by the end of June, 1942, they were about twenty million dollars a month!

As the Interstate Commerce Commission has stated, "the country must support whatever system of transportation it uses." Therefore, if transportation systems must carry a major part of their business at a loss, rates on the rest of their traffic must be raised to meet this loss.

Land grant railroads, which are principally in the west, have repaid the government many times over for the land given them. They have more than earned the right to equality with railroads to which the government pays the same commercial rates as any other shipper.

No less an authority than Joseph B. Eastman recently declared, "As Director of the Office of Defense Transportation I have recommended to congress that land-grant deductions be abolished in their entirety. Of the soundness and justice of these recommendations I am thoroughly convinced."

It is of the utmost importance to the agricultural and industrial interests of the west that congress consider this issue at the very earliest opportunity.

THE SEED OF PEACE

The vast significance of the conference now under way in Moccow, of foreign secretaries of the United States, Great Britain and Russia, is recognized by every thinking person in the nation.

There is a universal feeling of relief that representatives of the three great powers of the United Nations have finally sat down at the conference table to iron out whatever differences may have existed among them both in regard to the prosecution of the war and the peace to come. The only regret is that China, the fourth great power, is not represented.

If the conference can lay the basis for genuine agreement on a collective security pact under which the great powers would agree to subscribe unqualifiedly to the principles of peace and the common sense measure necessary to maintain it, then there is good reason to believe that the present conflict may see the end of major wars for some time to come.

If the conference fails, it means more bloody shambles ahead, when each nation will sacrifice the flower of its manhood, just as happened in the first World War and is happening today. In common with the rest of mankind, the people of the United States are determined that everything possible shall be done to avoid such a recurrence.

The Moscow conference contains within itself the seed of peace—or of war. The ability of the three nations to reach an amicable agreement may usher in a period of world peace, after victory, such as it has never in all history enjoyed.

THERE'LL BE A NEW SNAP IN THE OLD GARTER SOON

If your socks droop, your suspenders sag and your wartime girdle does less for your figure than it should, don't give up hope. Relief is near.

The War Production Board has removed all restrictions from the manufacture of elastic thread made from synthetic rubber.

That means that the manufacturers of garters, galluses, girdles and similar appurtenances, can again resume their joint responsibility as the great support of the American people.

So much depended upon so little, and few of us realized it until that little bit of elastic was gone. Its absence has caused strong men to shrink in embarrassment, and pretty women to blush in confusion.

AMERICAN HEROES

BY LEFF

High on a Tunisian cliff a Free French soldier lay wounded. A litter squad started up. Enemy bullets spatted against the cliff. The squad went on. In a whining hail of lead they brought their ally down. For that exploit Staff Sergeant Roy L. Bates of Fairfield, Ill., and Privates Hobert Branscum of Delta, Ky., Anthony P. Coll of Johnstown, Pa., and William B. Griffin of Sylvester, Texas, won Silver Stars. They deserve your War Bond backing.

U. S. Treasury Department

The War Production Board statement said that the return of elastic thread might be a little slow at first. But it emprasized that return it would. And most of us won't care whether the snap in the old garter is due to snythetic or natural rubber, just so long as the snap is there.

FARMERS DEMAND SQUARE DEAL

Editor's Note: Farmers have been outspokenly critical of the Office of Price Administration. In many of the branches of agriculture, there is growing and open revolt against the OPA. Have you wondered why? Then read this challenging article, the first in a series of three on "The Farmer's Case Against OPA!" Mr. Taylor, who writes these articles, is the executive secretary of the Agricultural Council of California, comprising 40 of the state's major farm co-ops, with a membership of 70,000 California farmers.

The average farmer doesn't want to cheat—or be cheated.

And he objects violently to being placed in a position where he must either become a chiseler or go into bankruptcy.

That. in two sentences, is a frank statement of the basic objection which California farmers have to present practices and policies of the Office of Price Administration.

Farmers, as a class, pride themselves on their integrity. They have never learned to wink at law violations—at least until the OPA came into being—and yet many of them are now face to face with the fact that they must either cheat or be cheated. That's a hard choice—and farmers don't intend to remain in that equivocal position if they can remedy it.

But the invitation to chiseling goes far beyond the faraming industry. Absurd and impossible price regulations of the OPA are an open invitation to black market operations. Consumers are being outrageously over charged. Middlemen and whole salers, in many instances, are making extortionate profits — with the consent and ecouragement of OPA. And the farmer, under OPA mismanagement, is getting a constantly dwindling share of the price his commodity brings on the retail market.

Let's look at the facts!

Before the war, the farmer used to get about one half or more of the consumer's dollar. In other words, when a housewife bought a dollar's worth of apples, the grower who produced them got 50 cents and the various handlers of the product divided the other 50 cents.

But today, the OPA's system of fixing the mark-up on each turnover the farmer who produces the crop gets only from one fifth to one third of the price his products bring on the retail market—and the middlemen and handlers get the rest.

Yet the farmer, whose share of the consumer dollar has been constantly dwindling, gets blamed for gouging—and the OPA, which has allowed outrageous mark ups to handlers that even disturb the gentlemen who profit by them, petitions congress for cash subsidies to roll back prices!

Now let's look at some specific instances of APO "price fixing" which have sent prices sky high and which have had the effect of bilking both the producer and the consumer. The consumer today is paying more than 16 cents a pound for grapes, that brought the grower only from 3 to 5 cents a pound—yet the farmer gets called a profiteer. Part of the explanation—a big part—lies in the face that the wholesale margin allowed by OPA on fresh table grapes from California was 56 cents per lug box, or as much as $600 per car. That was more than three times the wholesale marketer's usual charge, but OPA fixed the mark up and the wholesalers, of course, accepted it. There were other charges in keeping—a 40 per cent mark up for the retailer, for example—and the net result was that the consumer paid $4.54 for a box of grapes for which the grower actually got about $1.25, or at the most, $1.40.

Another instance of OPA mismanagement and its consequences is found in the potato situation. California growers are reported to have dumped U. S. Grade No. 2 potatoes because they couldn't sell them. Why couldn't they sell them? Because the OPA set a wholesale ceiling price on No. 2 potatoes in the Los Angeles market of $1.10 per sack of 100 pounds and allowed the retailer a mark-up of 30 per cent. Then it turned around and put a price ceiling on U. S. No. 1 potatoes in the same marget of $3.15—and again allowed a retail mark-up of 30 per cent. The retailer did some quick figuring, found that he could make 95 cents a sack selling No. 1 potatoes and only 33 cents a sack selling No. 2's.—and so he bought and sold only No. 1's. Before 1942, incidentally, the Los Angeles brokerage charge on potatoes was never more than five per cent, but in 1942 the OPA allowed seven per cent to brokers—and this year, 14 per cent.

Perhaps that explains the price of potatoes—and perhaps it also explains the growing resentment of the farmers toward OPA regulations. But that's only part of the story. The next article in this series will turn the spotlight on chiseling practices which are growing up throughout the country as a result of unequal and ruinous price ceilings.

Next: "Is America to Become a Nation of Cheaters."

The most hazardous industry in California in 1942 in number of accidents per worker employed and the man hours of employment, was lumbering and wood manufacturing.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday morning in their church at 114 Boulder Street at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Subject of this week's Lesson-Sermon is "Everlasting Punishment."

A Wednesday evening testimonial is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock. Our reading room at 117 Broad street is open every day except Sunday and holidays from 2 to 4 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit the reading room.

"Everlasting Punishment" will be the subpect of the Lesson-Sermon Sunday, October 31, in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The Golden Text will be: "Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption." (Ps. 130:7).

Other Bible citations will include: "And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him—And when he saw their faith, he said unto them, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee." (Luke 5: 18.20).

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Worship in sacred music before the beginning of the regular service. Organ prelude, Mrs. Chas. Kitts. Hymn, prayer, pastor. Sermon by Colonel French of the Salvation Army who is one of the finest preachers in the Salvation Army on the coast. It will be a great chance for our people to hear him. Adjuntant Sainsbury will be with us and take part in the service. Closing hymn, prayer, doxology.

Youth Group at 6 p. m. All young people are invited. Ten minutes of song service led by Parker Borgfeldt. Come and help in the singing. Sermon by the pastor. Come and bring your friends.

Week events: The Priscilla Circle will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Arthur Price 421 East Broad Street. All members and friends are invited. Bible study and prayer hour Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. At the close of the prayer hour the official board will convene. All members of the official board are requested to be present.

San Francisco has the only memorial tablet in the world honoring the originator of a mixek drink— a plaque in the Montgomery Block to Duncan Nicol, inventor of Pisco punch.

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FISHERMEN MAY CAN THEIR CATCH

Fishermen may have part of their catch of fresh fish canned without paying rationing points, the Office of Price Administration provided today.

Northern California fishermen often have part of their "take" of fresh salmon canned, OPA said. Today's action permits continuance of that practice and puts fishermen on the same basis as livestock producers who are permitted under rationing to have their animals slaughtered for home consumption point free.

A limit of 25 pounds of canned fish for each person in the fisherman's family has been set, and the owner must give the canner a statement that he or a member of his family actually caught the fish.

Canned fish acquired point-free in this manner may be sold, but only for ration points. The seller must keep a record of all sales made, and must turn over to his local War Price and Rationing Board all points collected.

Funeral For Nevada City Native In San Luis Obispo

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Verda Shurtleff Riccardi were held this morning in San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo county, according to messages received here by friends and relatives.

The deceased passed away in San Luis Obispo Monday. She was a native of Nevada City, 54 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shurtleff of Nevada City, and surviving her are her husband, Vinceit Riccardi of San Luis Obispo, a sister, Mrs. Hannah Hall of Grass Valley, two brothers, Clyde Shurtleff of Sacramento, and Thomas Shurtleff of Napa, Napa County.

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OLD SPANISH GRANTS

Editor's Note: Old Spanish and Mexican grants were the first stable form of land ownership in California, and thus they are a subject about which Californians should be informed. The San Francisco Regional Service Committee has prepared a series of six artfcles about these grants of which this article is the fourth.

General Mariano Vallejo, son of a Spanish army officer wso came to California in 1774, was the recipient of three land grants made during the Mexican regime. Petaluma, Temblec and Suscol, all in the Sonoma Valley, together comprised 33 square leagues or nearly 150,000 acres.

Raised to an army career, Vallejo also distinguished himself as a civil administrator under both the Mexican and American regimes. He was a member of the first California legislature.

Governor Figueroa sent him to Sonoma in 1835 to establish a presidio. He also was destined to found two other California cities—Benicia, named for his wife, Francisco Benicia Carillo, and Vallejo, laid out as a prospective state capital.

On his three ranchos Vallejo eventually had 50,000 cattle, 24,000 sheep and 6000 horses. He kept 6000 vaqueros to look after the stock and 56 Indian servants in his Sonoma home.

His first house, a two story tile roofed adobe with upper and lower verandas and a patio, was built on Rancho Petaluma, about four miles from the present city of that name. After he was ordered to Sonoma this house was used by his Indian vaqueros.

In Sonoma Vallejo built a house which covered most of a city block. Here he entertained lavishly all the notables who came to California, including Generals Grant, Sherman and Sheridan.

Lachrima Montis, built of brick brought from the Hawaiian Islands, was built on Rancho Temblec, not far from Sonoma. In the same garden of materials brought around the Horn, Casa Grande was built in 1849. This became the family home after fire destroyed the Sonoma house in 1866.

Casa Grande, with many of the general's personal possessions and the 17 acre park surrounding it, was taken over by the state in 1833 as a historical monument. Custodian of its valuable relic, until her death in July of this year, was Luisa Eugenia Emparan, sixteenth and last survivor of Vallejo's 17 children.

Next: A Northern Grant.

Beet Sugar Regulations Modified By OPA

Beet sugar processors will no longer be required to set aside a portion of their monthly production for delivery at the direction of the Office of Price Admiinistration, that agency announced today.

Heretofore, the sugar rationing regulations have required each beet sugar processor to set aside 15 per cent of his monthly production for delivery into areas designated by OPA in order to relieve shortages which could not be supplied from other sources.

However, the improved shipping shipping situation with respect to imports of cane sugar, make it unnecessary to withhold a portion of the beet sugar crop for delivery outside normal marketing areas, particularly in view of the small size of the prospective 1943 beet crop.

BORN

VAN WEY—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, October 22, to Corporal and Mrs. Leroy Van Wey, a daughter.

VOLUTEER AIDS WILL INSPECT MEAT MARKETS

Retail meat dealers in Northern California are receiving visits this week from volunteer assistants of local OPA Price Panels in a move to help stores comply with pricing and posting regulations, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

A special survey of meat sales is necessary, according to James J. Boyle, district director, because it is an important cost of living item which presents peculiar compliance problems.

A peculiar requirement is that top legal prices for meats be posted where buyers can read them. OPA provides dealers with posters showing official prices for different grades and cuts of meat. Dealers who are registered with the local war price and rationing board will receive a new poster late this month. Others may call at the board for copies.

In many small stores, dealers have seemed to have some difficulty in displaying these posters properly. Frequently, the posters are behind the counters, beyond the buyers' range of sight. Failure of merchants to post price lists where they can be read easily tends to destroy the buyer's confidence in the merchant, and price volunteers will aid dealers in finding methods of overcoming posting problems.

Other problems of dealers can not be met quite so directly, said Boyle.

The problem of the dealer who says he is forced to pay, and charge, illegal prices in order to obtain meat for his customers is an important one. Price volunteers are instructed to obtain facts about this problem from the dealer and to report them in order that the district office can determine where primary responsibility for such evasion rests and act accordingly.

Although there are many details of regulation of meat prices, Boyle said, they are not difficult for an experienced dealer to understand and master.

OPA regulations clearly define meat cuts and the manner in which they shall be trimmed for weighing. Except for hamburger no beef may be ground before its sale. Otherwise, it must sell at the price of hamburger.

NEVADA COUNTY ASSESSED VALUE UP 9.1 PERCENT

Taxable value of property in Nevada County this year is up 9.1% compared with valuations for 1939, study of the trend of assessed valuations in California counties, made public today by California Taxpayers association, shows.

Total assessed value of property in the county this year is $18,543,955, compared with $16,994,615 valuation for 1939. Property in the county was valued at $18,362,255 last year. Values of real estate, improvements, and personal property are included in these figures, the association said.

Throughout the state, property valuations this year are just under the $8 billions level, the $7,886,224,624 total valuation of property being 11.1 per cent higher than the $7,095,38,102 assessed value for 1939. Last year's valuations in California totaled $7,679,695,370.

Biggest percentage increases in taxable valuations during the period 1939 to 1943 took place in Solano, Contra Costa, and San Diego counties. Assessed value of property in Solano county increased 37.8 per cent from 1939 to 1943. Contra Costa county showed a 36.4 per cent increase, and San Diego county, 30.8 per cent, the association found.

Assessed values increased between 20 and 30 per cent in the five years in Fresno, Napa, Sacramento, Santa Clara and Stanislaus counties.

Other counties which showed increases greater than the 11-1 per cent statewide average increase were Colusa, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Modoc, Monterey, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Shasta, Sutter, Tulare and Ventura counties. Siskiyou county's increase was at the state average.

Only four counties showed decreases in valuations from 1939 to 1943. These were Del Norte, Humboldt, Kings and Tuolumne.

"Assessed value of property" the association stated, "is the base for the tax levies which bring in a major part of the support of local government in California.

"Tax rates and tax levies for next year are already in the making, as the activities of the local governments in California—the counties, cities, schools and other districts—carry on. Lower taxes for next year depend on frugality in government operation this fiscal year."

PEACE OFFICERS TO DINE

The Nevada County Peace Officers Association will entertain at a chicken stew dinner at Deschwanden Hall next Sunday evening. It will be Ladies Night and a large turnout is expected.

The association will hold a business meeting this evening, Secretary H. F. Sofge states, in the sheriff's office.

BORN

JOHNSON—In Nevada City, Nevada County, October 26, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Johnson of Camp Beale, a daughter.

HUGHES — In Nevada City, Nevada County, October 25, 1943, to Capt. and Mrs. Samuel B. Hughes, of Camp Beale, a son.

FINED $15 FOR THEFT OF TRAP

Merle R. Driggs, trapper, had Louis Monfre arrested on a charge of stealing one of his traps along with a coon which had been caught in it. Monfre appeared before Justice of the Peace Charles Morehouse, pleaded guilty, and was fined $15 with the alternative of 30 days in jail. Monfre paid the fine.

FIRE DRILL IN SCHOOLS

Fire Chief Leroy Bond of Grass Valley reported to the city council that fire drill held in all the city schools proved highly satisfactory.

All the elementary schools were emptied of students in less than a minute. The high school with several buildings and numerous class rooms was emptied in 80 seconds.

Besides food, sardines are used for chicken and cattle feed, soap, paint and oil manufacture.

Before the war, San Francisco made accordions, retailing up to $1200 were regularly exported to Italy, home of the accordion.

Yosemite National Park is as large as the state of Rhode Island.

YOUNG AMERICA DOES ITS BIT, TOO

CHICAGO, ILL.—Herman Oost, Harvard, Ill., above, is shown with his prize winning Berkshire cross hog which was awarded grand champion honors at the Junior Champion Hog show at the Stock Yards here recently. Oost is one of America's young farm boys who is aiding in the government's big drive to increase food production, and raising Berkshire hogs is young Oost's contribution to the program. Berkshire cross hogs swept all honors at the show, also winning top awards in both champion pen of three and champion pen of five, shown by other young Mid-west farmers.

CIGARETTE COSTS $10 IN FOREST

Arthur Panero, Truckee, was fined ten dollars October 21 by Justice of the Peace C. E. Smith, Truckee, for smoking while traveling in a car on a back country road just north of the Truckee Ranger Station, October 15. He was apprehended by Fire Prevention Officer William French of the Tahoe National Forest, as it was noted that he was smoking as he passed the ranger station enroute on the mountain road, reports District Ranger H. I. Snider.

Panero admitted he passed a large "Smoking Prohibited" sign while driving, but told Judge Smith he thought it was meant for hikers and that he would be within the law to smoke in his car while driving.

Two Run-Away Boys Will Return Home

Two boys, aged 15 years, when questioned by Grass Valley police admitted they had run away from their homes in Los Angeles. One had carried a dagger, the other 22 calibre pistol. This, he stated, he had obtained in exchange for a 45 calibre revolver he had stolen from his home. He received the smaller pistol, plenty of ammunition and $15 boot.

The boys said they were enroute to Michigan, where one of them had formerly lived. They are being detained in Grass Valley until relatives arrive to take them home.

Grass Valley Ration Books Total 8,789

The Grass Valley Ration Board announces that 8,789 ration books were distributed to Grass Valley residents and people living in the trading area. This respresents a decrease of more than 1,000 since ration book No. 2 was distributed. In round figures 10,000 of the latter were given out.

San Francisco handles 63 per cent of the canned fruit and 70 per cent of the dried fruit exported by the United States.

From where I sit

by Joe Marsh

"Keeping store," Sam Abernethy says, "can teach a person plenty about human nature.

"Now coffee rationing's lifted, folks ain't a-breakin' their necks tryin' to buy all they can. Knowin' they can have it if they want it, they ain't so all-fired anxious to get it."

Sam's right, as usual. I don't crave that second cup half as much as when I couldn't get it.

But that's human nature . . . Like allowing moderate beer in the Army's post exchanges. Instead of leading to more drinking, the OWI report says it works out just the opposite—often as not the men choose soda-pop or milk, with beer right there and no restrictions on it.

But if it wasn't there, like in the last War, the story might be altogether different.

From where I sit, that's how it is with Americans. Tell 'em they can't have a thing and by golly, they'll find ways to get it. But admit their **right** to have it, and their own good sense will lead to moderation.

Joe Marsh

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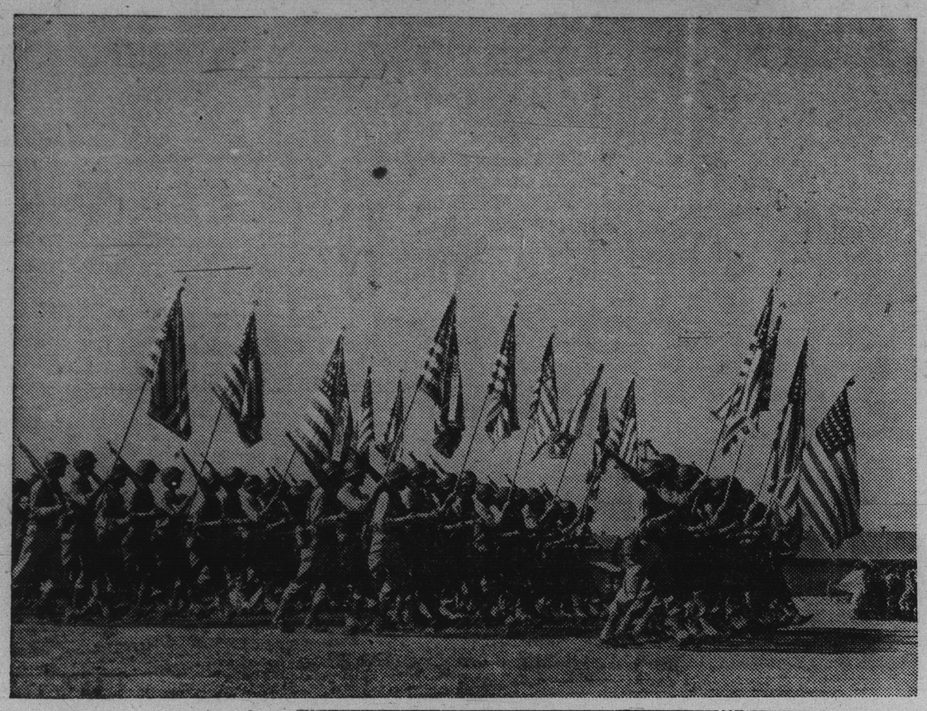

CAMP BEALE, Oct. 28—Massed colors of California's Own 13th armored division, parade before the reviewing stand on the post, as the division celebrated it's 1st anniversary in Organization Day ceremonies. Thousands of Northern California civilians viewed the gigantic parade and accompanying ceremonies, inspected tanks, trucks, armored equipment, mess halls, and barracks, and received a first-hand view of how soldiers train at a field day exhibition following the parade.

Bov Scouts Send 31 Buckskins To Army

William French, scoutmaster of Nevada City Troop 24, reported yesterday that he had sent off 31 deer hides, gathered by his troop, for the use of the armed forces.

He stated that scouts kept a sharp lookout for successful hunters and were rarely refused the donation of a hide to the war cause. The boys salted the hides and prepared them for shipping. The Napa Custom Tanning Company in San Francisco tans the buckskins and turns them over to the army and navy.

WITH OUR BOYS IN GLOBAL WAR

Adolph Verlod—

Adolph Verlod, who enlisted in the marines in April, is stationed near San Diego. His wife is a nurse and is residing in San Diego to be near him. He was with the Narrow Gauge Railroad for many years.

Vincent Verlod—

Vincent Verlod, who left this section in March, is in the air corps in Kansas. He was home on furlough two weeks ago visiting with his mother, Mrs. A. Verlod of Hills Flat.

Pfc. Bill Rickard—

Bill Rickard, Pfc, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rickard of Gold Flat is enjoying a fifteen day furlough from his camp, Williams Field, Arizona. He is in the link trainer department of the U. S. Air Corps. Bill is stationed on the desert and is surely enjoying his visit here, the green trees and vegetation being a joy to him. His brother, Earl Rickard is in the coast guard band stationed at San Diego.

EARLY CHRISTMAS MAILING URGENT THIS YEAR

Postmaster Betty Martin West announces that in view of the unavoidable handicaps of war, there can be no assurance, that gifts and cards mailed in the weeks immediately preceding Christmas will be delivered on time. Such a matter must not impede the movements of war materials, personnel and military mail.

Transportation facilities are heavily burdened. The number of railway cars and airplanes available for handling Christmas mail is far below that of former years. Facilities simply are not available to transport and deliver, in the last three weeks before Christmas, the tremendous quantities of mail that we heretofore moved in this period.

This year we must rely largely upon women and high school students, who can not work long hours or at the high speed of experienced personnel.

People should bear in mind—the was has dislocated the Christmas mailing season. This year, November is the time for mailing Christmas gifts and cards. Gifts should be marked, "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

If the public cooperates by mailing early, there is every reason to believe the large volume of Christmas mails will be delivered on time in spite of the handicaps of a nation at war.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. D. Pederson came up from Napa over the past week end to visit with Mrs. Pederson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers and their daughter, Miss Betty Pederson.

Joe Cicogni, who holds a position in Sacramento, spent the post week end in Nevada City with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cicogni.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Kemper came up from the bay region for a week end in their home in Nevada City. Kemper, formerly with the P. G. and E. company in this city, is now engaged in war work in the bay district.

Lawrence Myers of Burlingame spent the past week end in his home in Nevada City visiting with his three daughters and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Holbrook have sold their ranch east of Nevada City to John Farnsworth of San Francisco and Mrs. Marianne Nearpass of San Bernardino. They are brother and sister and it is understood they will reside on the property.

Mrs. Leonard Holbrook is enjoying a short vacation in San Jose with friends. Her husband has completed his furlough and returned to his company.

Miss Betty Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobs of this city, left for the bay region today after a short visit here with her parents. She is attending University of California, Miss Jacobs graduated from the local high school with high honors and a scholarship.

FOOD FOR FREEDOM Farm WAR NEWS

PRESSURE COOKERS IN 1944

A program to overcome some of the difficulties experienced in rationing pressure cookers in 1943 is now being developed by the War Food Administration. Under the 1944 program, manufacturers will distribute without restriction 80 per cent of their production, holding 20 per cent in reserve for allocation to critical areas by WFA. Standards for eligibility will be more flexible than this year, allowing regulations to be changed to fit changing supplies. This will avoid the over issuance of purchase certificates on one hand or the "freezing" of stocks in the hands of dealers on the other.

It is also planned that special committees will be set up to ration cookers in metropolitan areas and other places where farm rationing committees are not in operation.

NEW MILK CAN PROCEDURE

Under new regulations for the rationing of milk cans, it will no longer be necessary for farmers to get permission from farm machinery rationing committees to buy individual cans. A farmer may purchase up to two cans per quarter-year by simply certifying to his dealer that the cans will be used in the handling of milk and milk products.

Where the requirements of the individual call for more than two cans per quarter, application may be made to the county farm machinery rationing committee for additional cans.

LIVESTOCK SHIPPER TIPS

Livestock shipments by rail, especially in California and other western states, have greatly increased in recent months. Stockmen have been urged by WFA to order cars well in advance, ship over least congested routes, keep orders for cars at the minimum consistent with safe shipment, and wherever feasible to pool shipments in order to insure full cars.

Railroads have pledged their full cooperation to do everything they can to move livestock with the greatest possible dispatch under recent emergency conditions.

FERTILIZER SITUATION

The outlook for chemical fertilizer for the coming year is that supplies will be available, but demands for phosphates will be materially increased and users of nitrogen may expect some changes in the form of material available.

California is at present experiencing an acute shortage of superphosphates, due to production problems of western manufacturers and greatly increased demands for fertilizing alfalfa, legumes, and other crops. It has been estimated that demands for will be almost 65 per cent above this superphosphate in the state in 1944 year.

To supplement supplies available locally, the California USDA War Board and the fertilizer trade have been working with WFA on a proposal to bring in supplies from plants in southern states. A limited supply of such material has already been obtained for use in desert areas of the southern part of the state where phosphate deficiencies are most marked.

A large part of the nitrogen supply for the coming year will be in the form of ammonium nitrate, a material unfamiliar to many growers. This material carries its nitrogen half in the form of ammonia and half in nitrate form. The nitrate penetrates the soil quickly and becomes immediately available, while the ammonia is released more slowly and has a sustained effect. This is a desirable combination for many crops.

Ammonium nitrate is less desirable than other forms of nitrogen-bearing fertilizer in that it cannot be stored readily. The physical condition of the material now being received is much better than that used in former years, however.

BITS AND PIECES

Look for an order restricting the use of wooden containers for some types of farm products. The embargo on sales of turkeys to other than the armed forces will be continued until the boys get the necessary number of holiday birds. Increased military activity in the Pacific is resulting in a greater scarcity of gasoline, so restrictions on non-highway use has been tightened. Farmers can still get enough for all essential needs, but no more. The FSA dairy cow purchase program, which has been in effect for several months, has been discontinued. Prices of dairy cows have gone up to a point where there is no longer much danger of good milkers going to the butcher.

SOLDIER TAKES BRIDE

Jack Robert Leonard, of Middletown, Lake County, now a soldier stationed at Camp Beale, and Miss Yvonne Lorraine La Duke of Grass Valley, were married Monday afternoon by Justice of the Peace Peace George Gildersleeve in his court room.

The witnesses were Harold C. Deeter of Glenbrook, Nevada County and Mrs. Phyllis B. Bluxome.

BORN

HOLLOWAY — In Nevada City, Nevada County, October 13, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Holloway a daughter.

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PIMENTOS—2 Ounce Jars 7 Ounce Jars
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